



History Comes Alive at **Barn Anew Bed & Breakfast**

Where the Prairie meets the Mountains

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Dear American Doorstop Project:

We enthusiastically support your research, archival and marketing efforts in securing funding for Legacy Project 2019. We applaud your initiative to develop, direct and promote a documentary film and commemorative guidebook. This project will promote history, education and tourism in 2019 and beyond, featuring a western Nebraska citizen son, John A. Nerud of the Minatare, whose story and history deserves and needs to be recognized.

We fondly remember more than five years ago when you first came to the Bunkhouse at **Barn Anew Bed & Breakfast** to begin organizing your horse story research, while also working on the documentary film, *The Great American Wheat Harvest*. To see how far you've come since 2012 is truly remarkable. Who knew that my own grandfather would have a connection to the history of the **Grand Island Horse & Mule Market** story that you share in *A History of Nebraska Agriculture: A Life Worth Living*.

As teachers and historians, Allan and I applaud you for your humanitarian efforts in recognizing and commemorating the life and contributions of native Nebraskan, John A. Nerud. Like we say on our website, "Horses and western Nebraska go together like pie and ice cream." Thanks in part to your research, we admire how Mr. Nerud's upbringing on a ranch near Lake Minatare would help him become one of America's most accomplished and revered thoroughbred horse trainers, breeders and geniuses of the industry.

We look forward to seeing how **Legacy Project 2019** will bring Mr. Nerud's and other notable Nebraska hall of fame trainer stories to the our cinemas in a documentary film along with community events and programming to drive tourism in our area. Your ability to make history relevant for today's youth will help build awareness and new programming through our local fine art and historical centers like the **Midwest Theater, Legacy of the Plains** and **Chimney Rock Visitor Center**.

We encourage other community leaders and officials to learn more about the American Doorstop Project and **Legacy Project 2019** and know you will reach your funding goals. We look forward to seeing the final project and supporting you with your efforts.

Sincerely,

Cher Maybee
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